(d) The Expert Group has recommended revision of items and norms of assistance under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

(e) A proposal based on the recommendations of the Expert Group has been submitted for consideration of the High Level Committee. Further action in this regard will be taken after the proposal has been considered by the High Level Committee.

Security by Government

†*599. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the country who though not holding any official positions are being provided security by Government at present;

(b) the amount being spent by Government on this security;

(c) whether Government conduct periodical review for providing such security; and

(d) if so, in respect of which persons such reviews were made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There are at present 171 central protectees, who though not holding any official position, have been provided security on the basis of threat perception for them.

(b) In veiw of the multiplicity of agencies involved and their roles and functions in providing security, it is not possible to estimate the amount being spent by the Government in this regard.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The security provided to all central protectees is regularly reviewed, generally twice in a year, by two high level committees whereby the security need is assessed as per the fresh threat perception for them, based on which the security to individuals is enhanced, reduced or withdrawn, as the case may be.

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